

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 21, 2004

To: All Contractors

From: Codes Administration

Re: Permit Fees

As you are probably aware, the Department of Codes Administration has recently proposed an increase in the costs of electrical, plumbing, and gas/mechanical permits, as well as commercial building permits and plans examination fees. The increases in permit and plans exam fees was recommended as the result of a independent Performance Audit of the Codes Department and a subsequent analysis of the fees charged for various permits and cost of the associated services.

The purpose of the increase is to bring permit fees and plans exam fees in line with the actual costs of providing the permit, plans exam and inspection services associated with building construction.

The Metro Council approved the fee increase (Ordinance #BL2004-175) on April 20th on third and final reading, thereby increasing the costs of permit fees charged by the Codes Department. The bill was signed into law, and became effective on April 21, 2004.

Attached is our revised fee schedule for permit fees. The attachment indicates both the old and new prices. The old prices have been marked through and have the new prices next to them. Changes are underlined.

If a building permit has been applied for on or before April 21, 2004 and plans have been submitted, we will honor the old permit fee schedules for building and trade permits issued within the next 60 days - through June 21, 2004. **For the same sixty days, the transition will also include the trade permits that are associated with those building permits.**

Please also be aware that the fee increase has required us to re-program our permit software. It will take a few days to accomplish this task. We anticipate the new schedule may not actually be on line until May 1st. In the interim, you may be able to purchase permits at the old rate.

Please look for updates on our web site at www.nashville.gov/codes. If you have any questions about the new fee schedules, please let us know.